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Preparations for Holiday CircleFest Begin Nov. 5 with Lantern Workshops at The Cleveland Museum of Art

CLEVELAND (Oct. 6, 2003) — In preparation for the tenth annual **Holiday CircleFest** (Sunday, Dec. 7, 2003), the Cleveland Museum of Art (CMA) will offer lantern-making workshops for its two weekend-long **Winter Lights Lantern Festival** (Dec. 5-14), its major contribution to CircleFest. **Lantern-making workshops will be offered Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons, Nov. 5-23.**

The created lanterns will be used during the climax of the Lantern Festival on Sunday evening, Dec. 7, featuring a glowing parade of lantern carriers who will proceed from the Museum's north entrance to Wade Oval, where the procession will encircle artist-created *Environment of Lights* installations.

The workshop fee is \$20 for individuals or \$50 per family (up to four family members; \$12 for each additional person). The fee includes materials to make one lantern per person and the option of attending an unlimited number of workshops. (Most lanterns will take more than one session to complete.) Additional lanterns may be made for \$12 each. To register, call (216) 707-2483. Children under 15 must register and attend with an adult.

Combining local red twig dogwood with Nepalese bark paper, participants will create lanterns inspired by Japanese Shinto traditions during the Wednesday workshops (Nov. 5, 12 and 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). Pierced tin lanterns influenced by Mexican tin art will be taught in the Friday workshops (Nov. 7, 14 and 21 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). The Sunday workshops will feature split reed and tissue paper lanterns, based on techniques used to create traditional Chinese lanterns (Nov. 9, 16 and 23 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.).

Holiday CircleFest is a day of seasonal music, gift shopping, workshops, and refreshments hosted by the University Circle community. For more information about Holiday CircleFest, visit the University Circle Web site at www.universitycircle.org.

The Museum receives operating support from the Ohio Arts Council and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a pivotal international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.